

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
MAY 3, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 was held in the High School Library at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

**ROLL CALL**

District Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Hicks, Loucks, Rounds, Stacey

Members Absent: Kettelman, Schoenbaechler

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, C. Garner, S. White, S. Hicks

Visitors Present: Greg White, Jason Sample, Heather Sample, Becky Barry, Jennifer Menser, John Spence

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**REPORTS**

SVEA: Craig Garner, SVEA President, thanked the outgoing board members for their work and time serving on the board and congratulated the new members.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information to the board regarding the summer workers (hoping to have 5-6 this summer) and planned summer projects.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented the elementary/junior high information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming events, recent activities, and junior high school awards banquet and graduation.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, and special recognition for students.

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Mr. Henry, Superintendent, presented the following information to the board:

1. The consent agenda for this month's meeting includes the following additional item(s):
  - Approval of a 2020-2021 Public School Calendar (Amended)
  - Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated District Plan (ISBE)
  - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Centerstone for 2021-2022
  - Approval & display of tentative amended district budget for Fiscal Year 2021
  - Scheduling of an amended budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 (June 14, 2021—5:55 PM)
2. Since the regular April, 2021, board meeting, District Architect Paul Lunsford has updated the district's health/life/safety survey approved draft after working with ISBE on an online application system problem. The final survey includes the HVAC remodeling project and two main entry door areas.

The next two steps in the process are: 1) wait for ISBE approval of the H/L/S survey; and 2) while waiting for ISBE approval, begin more formal work with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company to prepare for the upcoming issuance of health/life/safety bonds to partially-fund the project. The necessary bonding for this project will need to be in place prior to any debt-service tax levy deadline. Once ISBE approves the project, Stifel will work with the District's bond counsel, Chapman & Cutler, to handle the bond issue and the necessary timelines.
3. As of May 3, 2021, the following Fiscal Year 2021 payments are due & payable to the school district:

<b>Categorical Payments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Voucher Date</b>	<b>Regular Payment Date</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$60,080.18	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	10/21/2020
	\$60,282.64	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/22/2021
	\$60,282.64	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	4/21/2021
	\$60,282.64		6/20/2021	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$17,801.75	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	10/21/2020
	\$17,111.99	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/22/2021
	\$17,111.99	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	4/21/2021
	\$17,111.98		6/20/2021	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$1,832.44	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	3/31/2021
	\$1,832.44	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	
	\$1,832.44	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	
	\$1,832.44		6/20/2021	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$317,395.57</b>			

Total payments to date: **\$234,503.63** (98.46% of payments due-to-date for FY21)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2021 State Payments (FY20 Claims; All 4 Quarters): \$82,891.94**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Rounds approving the minutes of the previous meeting: April 12, 2021 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$101,047.22; salaries in the amount of \$346,398.22; approval of the 2020-2021 Public School Calendar (amended); approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated District Plan (ISBE); approval of Centerstone Memorandum of Understanding; approval & display of tentative amended district budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and scheduling of amended budget hearing for Fiscal year 2021 (June 14, 2021 at 5:55 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Loucks, Rounds, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER DUAL-CREDIT COURSES:** Mrs. Natalie Page, High School Principal, reported that she is still waiting for information from Rend Lake College regarding the offering of a dual-credit class in mathematics.

**MODIFICATION OF IN-PERSON STUDENT ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY OPTIONS FOR DISTRICT STUDENTS DURING 2020-2021:** Superintendent Henry asked for any questions. None were forthcoming.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF BOND UNDERWRITER/PLACEMENT AGENT ENGAGEMENT LETTER (STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INC.):** A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Acosta to approve a bond underwriter/placement agent engagement letter with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, as presented.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (OR DESIGNEE) AND/OR BOOKKEEPER/TREASURER TO PROCESS AND PAY OUTSTANDING, MAY, 2021, ROUTINE BILLS:** A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Acosta to authorize the district superintendent and/or district bookkeeper/treasurer to process and pay outstanding May, 2021, routine bills.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Rounds, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:18 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-57)
- b. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning the salary schedule for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Rounds, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 7:08 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to reconvene from closed session.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Rounds, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Loucks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)**

**EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (KRAMER, ALEX):** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Rounds to employ Alex Kramer as a special education teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to his presentation of an appropriate Illinois Professional Educator License for said position.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Loucks, Rounds

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.



EMPLOYMENT OF COOK (WEBB, CASSIE): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Acosta to employ Cassie Webb as a cook for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to her successful completion of a fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Loucks, Rounds

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER (BUZA, DIANE): A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Loucks to employ Diane Buza as a district secretary/bookkeeper and to authorize the district superintendent to extend a compensation/benefits offer to Mrs. Buza, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Loucks, Rounds, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH AND/OR SPONSOR (KRAMER, ALEX): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Rounds to employ Alex Kramer as High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Rounds, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE (LEWIS, ALYSSA): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Acosta to approve a short-term, unpaid medical leave request for Alyssa Lewis, as presented.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Superintendent Henry recognized retiring board members with a plaque and a thank-you for serving the district.

- Roger Hicks (20 years of service)
- Samantha Kettelman (4 years of service)
- Brent Loucks (8 years of service)
- Kathy Schoenbaechler (4 years of service)

Superintendent Henry presented the Official Canvass for the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election. The result of the canvass is the election of the following as board members: Rebecca Barry, Jennifer Menser, Jason Sample, and John Spence.

Board members acknowledged the official canvass of votes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Loucks to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

The above-listed account of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary